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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 3, 1997
TO: Lisa Ames - Project Manager
California State Coastal Conservancy
FROM: Chuck Rauw
Charles I. Rauw, Consulting Engineers
RE: Chiate/Wildman Coastal Access Feasibility Study
Status of July 30th & 31st Topographic Survey

We arrived on-site at 8:00 am on July 30, 1997 to initiate our additional topographic survey services. I was informed that Jonathan Home would arrive around 10:00 am to provide access to Mr. Wildman's property. By 10:30 am we had finished all the topography surveying that we could do adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway without entering Mr. Wildman's security gate. Since Mr. Home had not arrived by this time, I contacted Mr. Wildman's house keeper via the security gate phone. She informed me that no one had told her that we were to be allowed on the property and she would not open the gate. I told her that I understood that Mr. Wildman's attorney had made arrangements to allow us access to the property on the 30th and 31st, and that we would access the property by walking around the gate and proceed with our surveying. I asked her to contact Mr. Wildman and inform him that we were going to access his property.

Around 11:00 am Mr. Wildman approached us and asked what we were doing surveying off the easement. I informed Mr. Wildman that our surveying could not be done only in the easement since some of the information needed for the geologic assessment was not on the easement. In addition, due to the dense brush along portions of the easement it would not be feasible to obtain the information needed by staying only within the easement. I asked Mr. Wildman if he wanted us to leave his property and he said no, that we could continue our surveying for the time being. Mr. Wildman was clearly upset and told us that he had been informed that we would only be surveying in the easement.

Later that day, as I was descending a slope that we were surveying, Mr. Wildman approached me and reprimanded me for not being more careful of the newly planted ground cover on the slope. I told Mr. Wildman that I was trying to be careful of the landscaping and apologized if he felt that I had damaged any of the plants. I asked him again if he wanted us to leave his property and he did not respond either way. His attitude was bordering on being hostile. I took photographs of the slope and landscaping which shows no damage to the plants. From that point forward, I took photographs of all areas where we were surveying.

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We completed the first day of surveying at around 5:30 pm with no further contact with Mr. Wildman. Mr. Horne never showed up on the 30th. Later in the evening, I checked my phone messages at work and Mr. Horne had called and left a rather acrid message regarding our being on Mr. Wildman's property and not staying within the easement. He said that he would call James Pierce that evening and suggested that I do the same.

We were on site at 7:00 am on the 31st. I called James Pierce and left a message regarding the phone call from Mr. Horne, and requested that James give me a call to provide direction on whether to proceed with the surveying. We tried contacting Mr. Wildman's house keeper via the security phone to see if she would provide access to the property but no one answered. No one answered the security phone at Mr. Mancuso's security gate either. At around 9:30 am Mr. Wildman's house keeper arrived and I asked her if she would allow us access to the property. She said that since Mr. Wildman allowed us access yesterday she could see no reason why we couldn't continue our surveying today. I told her about the phone message I received from Mr. Horne last night and that she should check with Mr. Horne and/or Mr. Wildman. I told her we needed to survey in the ravine area adjacent to the beach. She said we could walk to the beach via the private drive to the east of the property and access the ravine from the beach. I asked her to inform Mr. Wildman that we were on his property and conducting surveying in the ravine area. We began surveying around 10:00 am in the ravine area.

Around 1:00 pm, Mr. Wildman approached us and asked me if I had spoken with Mr. Horne. I told him that I had received a phone message from Mr. Horne that stated he was upset that we were surveying outside of the easement. I spent some time talking with Mr. Wildman regarding the scope of surveying services and the necessity for surveying outside of the easement. Mr. Wildman was less hostile, but asked us to suspend our surveying work until the issue of access outside of the easement could be worked out with the attorneys involved. We departed Mr. Wildman's property around 1:15 pm.

I made phone calls to and left messages with James Pierce and Marc Beyeler to see if any contact had been made with Mr. Horne to resolve the issue of property access. I monitored my cellular phone at the site until 3:00 pm at which time I decided to demobilize the field effort.

Due to the above circumstances, we were not able to complete the scope of the topographic survey. I estimate that we completed approximately 2/3 of the minimum required survey coverage. Unfortunately, most of the area not covered is in the ravine. This is the area of coverage that Hugh Robertson requested to be able to initiate his geologic assessment and field mapping. I will reduce, plot, contour and revise the topographic survey data that we did collect. I recommend that we attempt to obtain access approval to complete the topographic surveying scope of services.

cc: Mr. James Pierce - California State Coastal Conservancy
Mr. Marc Beyeler - California State Coastal Conservancy